



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation and temperatures across Colorado were below average, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Reports of snow and overnight freezing temperatures continue to shorten the growing season in some areas. These conditions allowed producers 5.2 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	27	66	5
Last Week	2	28	68	2
Last Year	8	29	59	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	36	57	4
Last Week	3	36	56	5
Last Year	14	38	43	5

Small Grains: Spring wheat was reported at 97 percent harvested, slightly behind the 5-year average. The winter wheat crop progressed to 90 percent seeded and 64 percent emerged by the end of the week, 11 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Row Crops: Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Sorghum, which continues to progress ahead of the average, was 21 percent harvested by the end of the week. Corn was 28 percent harvested this week, 3 percentage points above the average. Sunflowers, reported at 30 percent harvested, are 7 points behind their 5-year average. Dry beans were 69 percent harvested, 5 percentage points behind the average, while summer potatoes were 3 percentage points ahead of the usual harvest progress.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 11, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	3	12	24	46	15
Last Year	4	11	31	29	25
Sorghum					
This Week	1	2	22	65	10
Last Year	10	24	35	26	5

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained in good condition for the week. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with fourth cutting alfalfa, at 28 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 15 percentage points.

Livestock: Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition again this week. Death losses for cattle were rated average, while sheep were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 11, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	4	13	29	40	14
Prev. Year – 2008	8	20	46	22	4
5-Year Avg.	7	20	41	28	4

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 11, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	97	87	99	100
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	90	82	96	95
Emerged	64	49	71	75
Corn				
Dent	99	95	100	100
Mature	79	63	86	88
Harvested	28	20	33	25
Corn Silage				
Harvested	93	84	91	95
Sorghum				
Mature	75	70	87	68
Harvested	21	16	27	19
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	93	78	94	90
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	85	70	78	78
Dry Onions				
Harvested	94	80	88	91
Dry Beans				
Cut	90	85	89	93
Harvested	69	60	69	74
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	49	35	26	23
Sunflowers				
Harvested	30	20	38	37
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	88	78	98	97
4 th Cutting	28	20	35	43

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	5	19	51	24
Sugarbeets	0	2	13	66	19
Sunflowers	3	4	24	47	22
Livestock	0	2	14	72	12

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.